

As a citizen of the United States, I am deeply concerned about the trend towards media deregulation. I believe that diverse media ownership is at the foundation of a functioning free press system. The participatory process is in paralysis. The mainstream press is largely owned by a handful of major corporations, the debate is only on the periphery. I get my world view from the internet and through discussion with my friends. It is not right that I can't get various view points from the media!

This is SERIOUS! Democracy is losing ground! Democratic institutions of this country are being bought off or traded off or allowed to atrophy. Political participation is one of them. There simply isn't any way for political candidates to engage in a true debate that people can watch and respond to. We don't hear many ideas anymore. We don't get much information about the rest of the world. Deregulation is frightening.